



## **MINUTES**

### **COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION TRAINING SESSION**

**City of Riverside  
January 16, 2001, 6 p.m.  
Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

**Present:** Commissioners Brewer, Egson, Gardner, Goldware, Garcia, Hendrick, Howe, Huerta, and Redsecker

**Absent:**

Interim Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. He expressed the condolences of the Commission and dedicated this meeting to Riverside Police Detective Doug Jacobs, who was killed in the line of duty on January 13, 2001. The Commission observed a moment of silence in memory of Detective Jacobs.

Motion was made by Interim Chair Garcia to approve the minutes for January 11<sup>th</sup> Training Session. Commissioner Brewer and Commissioner Gardner seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Executive Director Williams spoke briefly regarding maps giving directions from City Hall to Harvest Fellowship Church and Olivewood Cemetery, where services and interment for Detective Jacobs would take place. He also spoke about the memo that was passed out regarding Commissioner Goldware's suggestion that CPRC officers be chosen by rotation, and asked that the commissioners review this method of selection.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chani Beeman spoke regarding the death of Detective Jacobs and the responsibilities of the Commission, asking how they were going to deal with this case and that the welfare of both the officers and the community must be preserved.

Mr. Kessinger asked if Item 5 of the January 11<sup>th</sup> Training Agenda (Training – Overview of the Riverside Police Department) would be offered again. Executive Director Williams replied that it would not, that these training sessions, while open to the public, are specifically for the training of the commissioners.

Rev. Jesse Wilson, President of the Tyisha Miller Steering Committee, spoke on behalf of that committee regarding the death of Detective Jacobs, saying that they are working to bring an end to violence in the community.

#### **TRAINING**

Executive Director Williams introduced Assistant Police Chief Mike Smith, guest speaker on Use of Force. Chief Smith began by speaking briefly about his background in law enforcement. He went on to talk about how policy is developed and incidents leading to use of force and the levels of force. He referred to the California Penal Code and the codes for arrest and the level of force that can be used to make an arrest as stated in the penal code.

Chief Smith cited two use-of-force cases that came before the U.S. Supreme court, stating that they were critical in setting a “reasonable officer standard” nation-wide for determining the levels of force used by officers. The cases to which he referred are Graham vs. Conner and Tennessee vs. Garner.

He spoke about “force options”, the choices available to an officer concerning the type of force to be used on a person in response to that person’s actions. To further explain “force options”, videotapes were shown of officers in real-life situations and the various methods used to take a person into custody.

Chief Smith spoke about Riverside Police Department policy and the procedure by which department policy is made, stating that policy regarding the type of force used to overcome resistance is determined by each police department.

Commissioner Redsecker commented on the method of arrest he saw used by officers while on his ride-along.

Commissioner Hendrick mentioned that he hadn’t known that the penal code states that a person cannot resist arrest.

Interim Chair Garcia stated that he has a new understanding of why officers use force.

Commissioner Egson remarked that public perception of use of force is based on what they see on TV.

Interim Chair Garcia made a motion to adjourn, with Commissioners Hendrick and Egson seconding.

The Commission adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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PHOEBE SHERRON  
Administrative Clerk